

APRIL 2018

The Victorian

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Daily Schedule

7:00-9:00- Breakfast

**9:30-Catholic Communion
(Thurs)**

**9:30- Nondenominational
Communion (3rd Wed)**

11:00- Word Game

**11:00- Exercise Group
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)**

12:00-1:00- Lunch

1:30- See Calendar

**4:00- Sing Along
(Monday)**

4:00- Word Challenge

5:00-6:00 – Supper

*The flowers that bloom in the spring, Tra la,
Breathe promise of merry sunshine —
As we merrily dance and we sing, Tra la,
We welcome the hope that they bring, Tra la,*
The Mikado, Gilbert and Sullivan

April is here and with it warmer weather. We hope! After March I am not sure what will happen. Hopefully no more Nor'Easters!

There is a fun month planned ahead. April 1st is Easter Sunday; a special meal will be served at noon. April 4th sees the return of The Harper and The Minstrel. This wonderful and busy couple entertain us about four times each year. With their variety of traditional instruments, they are a Victorian favorite. The following week, The Quahogs will give us a dose of jazz. This is their only performance this year, so come out to enjoy. Our final entertainer of the month is Dan McCarthy. His collection of popular songs has everyone singing along.

But that's not all; no, that's not all! On April 20th we are having a Pirate Party. Julie Charland is our lunch time entertainer. So shiver your timbers and splice the mainbrace for a fun event!

In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours. ~Mark Twain

Yo Ho Ho!

Carolyn

What preparations did you make for Easter?

When I was young we all got new shoes for Easter- *Joan*

My early upbringing about Easter was always focused on the Resurrection of Jesus- My clergyman Dad told us every Sunday is a day recognizing the gifts Jesus gives us- "little Easter" he would say.

We did dye eggs every Easter but there was no commercialism.

When I got married and had four children their father introduced them (and therefore me) to a new interpretation-Easter bags of goodies-jelly beans etc. I let him do all that but my heart and soul were not into any of it.

In my later years I began a collection of Easter eggs and they are on the table at The Victorian for all to look at. Quite a variety indeed!-*Pem*

We dyed eggs in beet or coffee water. The girls all got a new straw hat with a ribbon- *Tina R*

When we were real young, we all got a new pair of knickers and a suit. And went to church- *Larry*

My mother only dyed eggs red, to represent the blood of Christ- *Nikki*

An Easter egg hunt- colored eggs in the garden- *Judi*

We had new clothes- *Rita*
We always had a new hat- *Fran*

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world. ~Virgil A. Kraft

Easter was always centered on the church. Easter lilies decorated the church. Afterwards a huge dinner with all the family. My husband made a special dessert in a clay pot from a Russian recipe- *Christine*

At Easter, Ron would hide eggs all over the yard and Glenn and Mark would run everywhere to find them. They had so much fun. Then we would drive to Sudbury to join our family for a delicious dinner my Aunt Evelyn would prepare for us. My Mom would make a beautiful outfit for me to wear at church on Easter Sunday- *Bev*

April 2nd is Jed Clampett Day! (Beverly Hillbillies). What is the first thing you would do if you came into a large amount of money?

I'd invest it- *Fran*

I would donate it to others- *Bev*

I'd buy a new house and car- *Cynthia*

An airplane so I could fly to see my sons- *John G*

A limousine and driver to tour the country- *Tina*

Buy The Victorian and put in a bigger kitchen- *Larry*

Give about half to charity- *Nikki*

The first thing I would do is give 'my kids' a lot of money to make them happy. Then travel the world with my 'mate', going to countries we didn't even know existed. Finally back to Chatham to a little Cape Cod House with a view of the sea. I can dream- *Bev*

It would have been nice years ago to have the money to visit towns in England and Scotland, where my ancestors came from. Too far back to show up in my DNA, I had two American ancestors in Northern Connecticut, where I grew up- *Corinne*

Years ago it would have been travel- mostly to Europe! Now, I would put it in a trust for my children-*Joan*

April 4th is Arthur Murray's birthday. Where did you learn to dance?

My mother taught me everything- *Joan*

I never did dance- *Helen*

Raymour-Play More ballroom and church dances- *Rita*

In Worcester, I learned all kinds of dance- *Lorraine*

I attended Mrs. Green's dancing classes and learned all the usual steps. Learned to jitterbug at the local YMCA. Many years later, my son and daughter attended Mrs. Brown's classes- different suburb, same steps!- *Joan*

First a howling blizzard woke us,
Then the rain came down to soak us,
And now before the eye can focus —
Crocus. ~Lilja Rogers

I learned to waltz at high school dances. During World War II, the Congregational Church (mine) and the Methodist Church combined services on alternating Sundays. Our youth group learned the Virginia Reel. We couldn't dance in the Methodist Church, it wasn't allowed. My students in my one-room schoolhouse had learned how to square dance during the summer, and taught me. Fun!- *Corinne*

April 17th is Ford Mustang Day. What was the favorite car that you owned?

All of our vehicles were registered in my husband's name. I wanted mine! A neighbor had a Ford Ranger truck with a cap he wanted to sell. I so enjoyed driving that truck-of course I got some strange looks from acquaintances. After my stroke, I didn't dare drive it anymore. — *Corinne*

A Buick- *Lorraine*

An Audi- *Rita*

The one with the back rumble seats- *Ada*

Oh My!
Winners of our March Proverb Quiz

Ada
Laurie
Helen
George
Peg
Abbie
Fran (and Claudia)
Jerry
Amy and Charley
Edie
Bev
Gene
Margaret
Dorothy
Tom
Judi
Corinne

It was February 2004 and time to upgrade our Chevy van, which had gotten too big for me. The newest Rav Four was created by Toyota and won me, heart and body. It was perfect and never was a problem. Then my life changed again. A stroke and moving to The Victorian simplified my life for this latest chapter. As much as I loved that car it was time to part and my son needed a 'new' car so after a 14-year car love affair we parted- *Pem*

Picking my favorite car is hard, having driven two Mustangs, a Model A Ford and a Jaguar convertible among others. Meanwhile, Ernestine drove the more sedate cars we owned. My favorite car was a 1975 yellow T-top Corvette. It had great acceleration and held the road in a

wonderful manner. It was a true sports car. I drove it for thirty five years and loved every mile!

By the way, Ernestine's favorite car was a 1986 Cadillac, silver with a black fabric roof, a trunk-mounted spare wheel- *George*

Our first Mustang was dark green. We bought it in Chatham. I loved it but wanted an automatic transmission. The maroon Mustang was my favorite of all time. When we drove to Vermont to go skiing it was a little tight with two 'Big' boys in the back seat.- *Bev*

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. ~Proverb

